

A BEWILDERED SANTA CLAUS



Hoping that old Saint Nick doesn't have this trouble at your house, he wishes you a merry Christmas.

PRODUCTS OF HAWAII Pineapple Crop Rapidly Superceding Sugar in Value. The possibility that pineapples shortly may challenge the ancient supremacy of sugar cane as Hawaii's premier crop is seen in the announcement that the islands' gross income this year from pineapples will be about \$22,000,000, as compared with the sugar crop value of \$51,500,000. New acreage and improved methods in cultivation are expected to increase the pineapple production by at least fifty and perhaps 100 per cent. within a few years. The production of canned pineapples this year approximated 5,000,000 cases, which sold at an average price of \$4.75 a case. The acreage is estimated at 36,000, which will be increased next year because the packers

partly tipped through the walls of the cabin, killing the outlaw leader and wounding his brother. Covering his retreat with his rifle, Charles Ballard was successful in eluding pursuit. Whether his wound was sufficiently serious to retard his flight from the immediate vicinity of the fight, was not determined.

CHRISTMAS BAKING WITH CHRISTMAS only 25 days in the offing, many of our customers will want to start their Christmas baking and planning for the feasts of the holiday season. Especially will the wise housewives want to do their fruit cake baking— AND TO BE SURE they will want the best of ingredients for the master cake of the feast— AND TO BE SURE we have the all necessary ingredients—MELROSE Flour will of course head the list; then we have the Citron, Raisins, Currants, the Figs, Nuts, Flavoring Extracts, Spices, Brown Sugar, Cranberries, etc. AND OF COURSE we will have the best of Fruits—Oranges, Apples, Bananas, etc., to go along with the rest of the good things for Christmas. SHERER & QUINN

FOR SALE FARM OF S. L. THOMASSON 176 ACRES Two good residences, 4 and 5 rooms. New Barns; 2-1/2 miles of McConnellsville. PRICE, \$2,640.00 Terms.

ABOUT TWO ACRES OF LAND One good, New Storehouse, Nice residence, 5 rooms. On East Liberty Street. THE BEST BARGAIN IN TOWN. J. C. WILBORN REAL ESTATE YORK, S. C.

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have been unable to supply the demand. Chief among the improvements in cultivation methods is the utilization of the newly discovered paper mulching process, which has increased production on certain lands by between 25 and 30 per cent. in experiments conducted this year. Use of the paper mulch also reduced production costs because it decreased the necessary annual cultivation considerably, according to planters.—Honolulu Dispatch.

—Uncle Sam is trying to diagnose the Lausannety of Europe. CATHOLIC BOOKS SENT FREE ON APPLICATION. GET YOUR INFORMATION FIRST HAND. QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY MAIL. WRITE TO REV. W. A. TOBIN Saint Anne's Church ROCK HILL, S. C.

OBELISK FLOUR WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a carload of that famous good OBELISK FLOUR. People who have used Ballard's Obelisk Flour KNOW that there is no other Flour that is its equal—those who haven't used it, will do well to try a sack. It always pleases most particular people.

KENTUCKY FARM FEED IS A REAL FEED for growing and fattening hogs. It makes more bone and more fat. Have a fresh shipment. Try it on your hogs. They'll grunt at its goodness. SCRATCH FEED IF YOU WOULD HAVE EGGS in plenty feed your hens plentifully. Let us send you a sack of Our Scratch Feed. It is really better—a balanced ration for laying hens.

J. F. CARROLL DO YOU WANT A HOME OF YOUR OWN? Build Now LOGAN LUMBER YARD "We Strive to Serve and Satisfy." F. E. MOORE, Proprietor REAL ESTATE AGENCY FOR SALE

Tract of 97 Acres—With 4-room dwelling and 4-room tenant house, on Charlotte road, adjoining Meek Williams. Bargain for quick sale. Two Story—Glass front brick building 26x90, in Clover, on lot 30x400. One-fourth cash and balance on easy terms. Four Vacant Lots—On Main street, Clover, 25x400, joining Nichol's garage. Four Room House—And small store building, on lot 38x400 feet fronting on Main street, Clover, near the postoffice. One-third cash and balance on 7 per cent credit.

Fifty Acres Tract—Near New Zion church and school; three-room house and barn; lot of good saw timber. D. M. Parrott Place—149 acres, two miles south of Clover, on State Highway. Will sell as whole or in two tracts with tenant house on each tract. Bargain for quick sale. C. F. SHERER Residence Phone 111 and Office Phone 74

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR 1923. Notice of Opening of Books of Auditor for Listing Returns for Taxation. Auditor's Office, December 3, 1922. PURSUANT to the requirements of the Statute on the subject, Notice is hereby given that my Books will be opened in my Office in York County on TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1923, for the purpose of listing for taxation all PERSONAL and REAL PROPERTY held in York County, on January 2, 1923, and will be kept open until the 20th day of February, 1923, and for the convenience of the Taxpayers of the County I will be at the places enumerated below on the dates named: Clover—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2nd and 3rd. Blandana—(Ferguson's Store), Thursday, January 4th. Hickory Grove—Friday, January 5th. Sharon—Tuesday, January 9th. Bullock's Creek—Wednesday, January 10th. McConnellsville—Thursday, January 11th. Newport—Friday, January 12th. Port Mill—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 15th, 16th and 17th. Rock Hill—Monday, January 22d, through Saturday, January 27th. All males between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, are liable to a poll tax of \$1.00, and all persons so liable are especially requested to give the numbers of their respective school districts in making returns.

BROADUS M. LOVE, Auditor York County. Dec. 3, 1922. t 97 4t.

AUCTION SALE CLERK'S SALE State of South Carolina, County of York. Court of Common Pleas Susie H. Carroll, Administratrix of W. R. Carroll, Plaintiff. Against Smith Bratton, et al., Defendants. PURSUANT to the terms of the Decree of Foreclosure by His Honor, Jas. E. Peurifoy, Presiding Judge, dated December 12th, 1922, I will sell at Public Auction in front of York Court House Door, York, S. C., within the legal hours of sale on MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1923, to the highest responsible bidder, the following described real estate, to-wit: All that tract of land in Bethesda Township in York County, South Carolina, lying on the Public Road near Mount Zion Baptist Church (colored), known as the Smith Bratton place, and bounded on the east by lands of J. S. Bratton, and on the south and west by the York and Chester Road, and containing TEN ACRES, more or less. Terms of Sale: One-half cash, and the balance on a credit of twelve months, with interest thereon from day of sale at seven percentum per annum, payable annually, and secured by a bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises so sold, with leave to purchaser to pay his entire bid in cash. Purchaser must comply by paying cash portion of his bid within one hour from the time of this sale, or the land to be at once, on same day re-sold upon same terms as bid of such defaulting purchaser. Purchaser must pay for York papers, revenue stamps, recording fees, etc. Any of the parties to this action may bid at said sale. Purchase must comply by paying cash portion of his bid within one hour from time of this sale, or the land to be at once, on same day re-sold upon same terms as bid of such defaulting purchaser. Purchaser must pay for York papers, revenue stamps, recording fees, etc. Any of the parties to this action may bid at said sale. T. E. McMackin, December 13th, 1922. C. C. C. Fla. 100 t

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FOR FINAL DISCHARGE. NOTICE is hereby given that on January 8, 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m., I will make my Final Return to the Probate Court of York County as administrator of the estate of Mrs. LUCRETIA MOSS, deceased, and that I will then and there apply for my discharge from all further liability in connection with said administration. JAMES A. BARRETT, Administrator. Dec. 8, 1922. 98 t 4t

IN HANDS OF A TRUST

Monopolists Lay Additional Tax on Weevil Poisoning. Augusta Chronicle. The state of Georgia officially will not make a contract for calcium arsenate for 1923 at trust-controlled prices and in effect the cotton producing public is advised to do the same thing. In a meeting of the state board of entomology, in Atlanta a few days ago, the outstanding feature of which was the conclusion in no uncertain terms that the calcium arsenate market has gotten entirely into the hands of a trust and that trust is trying to milk the southern cotton farmer for every cent it can squeeze, resolutions were passed which mean, so far as the board is concerned, this state will try to grow its 1923 cotton crop without that material at all. It is the purpose of the Georgia board to immediately get in touch with all the other cotton producing states and endeavor to bring about similar action, on the ground that the matter has reached a point where one of two things must be done, the calcium arsenate trust must be busted at its birth or it will bust the cotton farmer. Numerous long distance telephone calls were made over the country and it was found that there exists a strikingly peculiar similarity in the demands for the material. Among other things it was found that the white arsenic, which is the important raw ingredient from which the finished product is made, has suddenly been jumped in price from 7 1/2 cents a pound to 15 1/2 cents per pound and the supply appears to be carefully controlled. "The Georgia state board of entomology, in a meeting held Wednesday, December 13th, passed the following resolution: "A complete canvass of the situation has convinced the board that the present market quotations on white arsenic, the raw material from which calcium arsenate is made, have no justification in point of fact. It is obvious that these high prices are due largely to the manipulation of the market in an effort to obtain every cent possible from the southern farmers. "The board does not feel justified in purchasing, and will not purchase calcium arsenate at prevailing prices. Moreover, while the board does not in any way assume responsibility for advising anyone who wishes to, not to buy calcium arsenate, it does not recommend that the general public purchase it at the present prices. "The board is still bending every effort toward making a contract which will provide calcium arsenate at a reasonable price, but in the event it fails to secure a price which in its judgment, will be fair and reasonable to the cotton producers it will decline to make a contract for the year 1923. (Signed) "GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ENTOMOLOGY "J. J. BROWN, "Chairman. "R. C. BERCKMANS, "T. G. HUDSON."

COTTON ON HAND

Cotton on hand November 30, in consuming establishment amounted to 1,721,425 bales of lint and 95,969 of linters, compared with 1,379,770 of lint and 82,169 of linters on October 31, and 1,655,359 of lint and 152,652 of linters on November 30 last year. Cotton on hand November 30, in public storage and at compresses amounted to 4,198,995 bales of lint and 21,634 of linters, compared with 4,329,902 of lint and 16,812 on October 31, and 5,292,941 of lint and of 1,778 of linters on November 30 last year. Active spindles numbered 34,664,630 in November, compared with 33,859,076 in October this year and 34,428,330 in November last year. Imports and exports not available. Statistics for cotton growing states follows: Consumed during November 363,513 bales, compared with 346,435 in October this year and 322,593 in November last year. Cotton held November 30 in consuming establishments totalled 1,197,826 bales, compared with 855,981 on October 31 this year and 877,486 on November 30 last year. Cotton held November 30 in public storage and at compresses totalled 3,983,941 bales compared with 4,124,598 on October 31 this year, and 4,952,202 on November 30 last year. Cotton spindles active during November numbered 15,859,962 compared with 15,831,959 in October this year and 15,489,965 in November last year.

CROPS OF THE NATION

In the Aggregate More Valuable Than Last Year. The nation's crops this year are worth \$7,572,890,000, based on their farm value as of December 1, the department of agriculture announced Friday in its final crop report of the year. Their value is \$1,842,978,000 more than last year's crops, reflecting improvement in prices for farm products prevailing now as compared with a year ago and increased production in some crops. This year's farm production is worth about the same as that of 1916 but is lower than 1920, by about \$1,500,000,000, and lower than any year since 1915, except last year. It is only a little more than half as much as the record-value year of 1919. Record production was made this year in rye, white potatoes, sweet potatoes and hay. Other bumper crops this year were rice with the third largest production, tobacco, with the fourth largest crop in history, wheat with the fifth largest production and corn with its seventh largest. Cotton this year is the fourth most valuable crop of that staple ever grown, although a small crop in point of production.

Corn Most Valuable.

Corn, as usual, is the country's most valuable crop, being worth this year, \$709,009,000 more than last year with a total value of \$1,900,287,000. Cotton stands second with \$1,368,517,000 the lint being valued at \$1,190,761,000 and the cotton seed \$177,155,000. Hay is the third most valuable crop with a total of \$1,331,675,000. No other crop reached a billion dollars in value this year. Wheat was valued at \$864,139,000, standing as fourth most valuable crop of the country. In today's final estimates, based on revisions to conform with the census bureau's decennial crop production statistics, the preliminary estimates of production announced last month were somewhat changed. There was a re-

LAST OF BALLARD GANG

Federal Agents Finally Get Best of Kentucky Moonshiners. Lexington, Ky, Dec. 15.—A week of skirmishes between moonshiners and federal prohibition agents in the hills of Menifee county which resulted in the killing of three agents and one moonshiner and the wounding of another outlaw, was ended tonight. A posse of 20 agents were returning from the hill country tonight, with five prisoners. Robert Ballard, reputed leader of the outlaws, was shot to death this morning. Guy Cole, the third government man killed, fell in today's battle. Charles Ballard, brother of the slain leader, was wounded but escaped. Members of the outlaw band captured by the posse were: Jeff Ballard, father, and Albert Ballard, brother of the slain leader, William Fongerson, Joseph Clem and Elwood Riffe. The smashing of the "Ballard gang" by the federal men followed a week of hill country campaigning, marked by three spectacular gun battles. The drawn out battle was inaugurated last Saturday when Agent R. E. Duff was shot to death while leading a party of raiders against a cave used by the outlaws for a still. The following day a large posse of federal agents and deputy sheriffs went into the hills, but returned after David Treadway, deputized by the federal authorities, was slain by a bullet fired by a hidden rifleman. The large posse was disbanded following Treadway's death, and the federal operatives adopted "under cover" methods to locate their men. This morning a picked force of 20 agents moved upon a cabin where the Ballards had taken up headquarters. The ensuing fight at the cabin was the last stand of the outlaws. Agent Cole fell before the fire of the defenders, but bullets from high powered rifles in the hands of the attacking

duction in the corn crop of about 6,000,000 bushels. Increases were shown for other crops, including: winter wheat, 45,000,000 bushels; spring wheat, 1,700,000 bushels; oats 14,378,000 bushels; rye 15,874,000 bushels, buck-wheat 1,407,000 bushels; rice 2,806,000 bushels, potatoes 17,280,000 bushels and hay 4,050,000 tons. Revision of the 1921 production statistics placed the crops of that year as follows: Corp, 3,068,569,000 bushels; winter wheat 600,316,000; spring wheat 214,588,000; oats 1,078,341,000; potatoes 361,569,000; hay (all) 9,770,000 tons; and tobacco 1,069,693,000 pounds.

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